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Claims 5-6, 8-13, 18-19, and 21-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7, 14-17, 20, and 29-31 have been canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 32-41 have been added herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 5-6, 8-13, 18-19, and 21-28 subject to being amended to independent form.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance in their current form for at least the reasons set forth below.

II. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-4, 7, 14-17 AND 20

Claims 1-4, 7, 14-17, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 based on the cited references. Since claims 5, 8, 18, 21, 27, and 28 have been amended to be in independent form, the rejections are believed to be moot. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

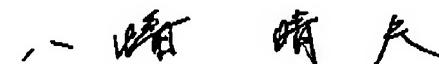
III. NEW CLAIMS 32-41

New claims 32-41 have been added here to further clarify different aspects of the present invention. These claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance over the cited art.

IV. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-843-6200, ext. 245.

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